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PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McCoy reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened January 30, 1908. Last case of rodent plague trapped October 23, 1908. Total number of rats found infected to date, 398.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Premises inspected, 5,216. Houses destroyed, 4. Buildings condemned, 4. Nuisances abated, 61. Poisons placed, 6,500. Rats trapped, 2,263. Rats found dead, 40. Gophers trapped, 6. Rats identified, 2,303, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 1,779; *Mus rattus*, 79; *Mus musculus*, 351; *Mus alexandrinus* 94. Average number of traps set daily, 7,621. Examined bacteriologically, 1,678. No plague-infected rats found.

BERKELEY, CAL.

There is no record of rodent plague in Berkeley. The last case of human plague sickened August 28, 1907.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Rats trapped, 6. Rats identified, 6, all being *Mus norvegicus*. Rats examined bacteriologically, 6. No plague-infected rats found.

OAKLAND, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened October 26, 1909. Last case of rodent plague found December 1, 1908.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Rats found dead, 22. Rats trapped, 595. Rats identified, 617, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 530; *Mus rattus*, 1; *Mus musculus*, 84; *Mus alexandrinus*, 2. Rats examined bacteriologically, 522.

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL. (Exclusive of the city of Oakland).

Last case of human plague sickened 2 miles southwest of Sunol September 26, 1909. Last case of rodent plague found March 25, 1910. To the present time 76 squirrels and 1 wood rat have been found infected.

Week ended May 7, 1910. No ground squirrels taken. Acres covered with poison, 23.

MONTEREY COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Monterey County.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Ranches inspected, 36. Ground squirrels shot, 760; found dead, 1. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 758. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SAN BENITO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in San Benito County. A plague-infected rodent was found October 15, 1909.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Ranches inspected, 6. Ground squirrels shot, 35. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 30. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in San Joaquin County.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Ranches inspected, 105. Ground squirrels shot, 125. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 116. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in San Luis Obispo County. A plague-infected rodent was found January 29, 1910.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Ranches inspected, 12. Ground squirrels shot, 255. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 248. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SAN MATEO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in San Mateo County.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Ranches inspected, 11. Ground squirrels shot, 151. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 144. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Santa Barbara County.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Ranches inspected, 4. Ground squirrels shot, 166. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 162. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in Santa Clara County. A plague-infected rodent was found November 3, 1909. Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date, 9.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Ranches inspected, 12. Ground squirrels shot, 381. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 376. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in Santa Cruz County. A plague-infected rodent was found November 6, 1909.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Ranches inspected, 14. Ground squirrels shot, 55. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 48. No plague-infected squirrels found.

STANISLAUS COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Stanislaus County.

Week ended May 7, 1910. Ranches inspected, 2. Ground squirrels shot, 85; found dead, 3. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 88. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SMALLPOX IN THE UNITED STATES.

Reports Received During Week Ended May 27, 1910.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Birmingham.....	May 1-15.....	4	.....
Mobile.....	May 1-14.....	11	.....
Montgomery.....	May 8-14.....	16	.....
California:				
Los Angeles.....	May 1-7.....	1	.....
Florida:				
Duval County.....	May 8-14.....	4	.....
Santa Rosa County.....	May 8-14.....	2	.....
Walton County.....	May 8-14.....	8	.....
District of Columbia.....	May 1-14.....	16	.....
Illinois:				
Bond County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	3	.....
Cass County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	6	.....
Cook County—				
Chicago.....	Apr. 1-30.....	3	.....
Fayette County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	3	.....
Henry County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	14	.....
Iroquois County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....
Madison County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	22	.....
Morgan County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....
Perry County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....
Tazewell County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....
White County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....
Indiana:				
Allen County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	14	.....
Clinton County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....
Davess County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	3	.....
Delaware County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....
Gibson County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	3	.....
Grant County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....
Greene County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....
Knox County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....
Marshall County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....
Martin County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	6	.....
Miami County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	5	.....
Montgomery County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....
Orange County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	22	.....
St. Joseph County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	2	.....
Tipton County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	12	.....
Vermillion County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	8	.....
Vigo County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	4	.....
Wabash County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....
Louisiana:				
New Orleans.....	May 8-14.....	28	.....
Missouri:				
St. Louis.....	May 8-14.....	2	.....
Montana:				
Beaverhead County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	6	.....
Carbon County.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1	.....